

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
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11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently Amended) A device for enabling an infant to exercise his upper torso comprising:
 - an elongated cushion,
 - said cushion being in the shape of a cylinder,
 - said cushion being made at least in part of a soft resilient material,
 - said cushion including first and second ends, and
 - said cushion including a hollow cavity extending from said first end to said second end whereby certain infant related items may be readily placed in said hollow cavity;

a substantially rigid hollow core element; said hollow core element received in
said cavity; said core element is in the form of an elongated hollow pipe; said pipe is made of
PVC; said pipe having first and second ends; said resilient material covering all of said pipe
except for said first and second ends; said first and second ends forming openings in said pipe;
first and second caps; said first cap removably covering said opening of said first
end of said pipe; said second cap removably covering said opening of said second end of said
pipe.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A device as set forth in Claim 14 wherein each cap includes a lip,

said pipe having an inner annular surface, and

each lip engaging said inner annular surface to secure said cap to said pipe.

21. (Original) A device as set forth in Claim 20 wherein said lips engage said inner annular surface in a substantially interference fit.

22. (Original) A device as set forth in Claim 20 wherein said lips and portions of said inner annular surface near said first and second ends of said pipe being threaded.

23. (Original) A device as set forth in Claim 14 further including a fabric, said fabric covering said resilient material.

24. (Original) A device as set forth in Claim 23 further including a mat, said mat adapted to be received in said cavity of said cushion.

25. (Original) A device as set forth in Claim 24 wherein the color of said mat is substantially the same as the color of said fabric.

26. (Original) A method for exercising the upper torso of an infant utilizing a cushion which includes a substantially rigid core element, a soft resilient material surrounding a substantial portion of said core element, said soft resilient material forming a curved outer surface for the cushion comprising the steps of:

placing the cushion on a substantially flat surface,

placing the front mid-section of the infant on said curved outer surface of said cushion,

permitting the infant's hands to contact the flat surface, and

permitting the infant to roll the cushion thereby exercising his upper torso.

27. (Original) A method for exercising the upper torso in infants utilizing an elongated cushion, said cushion being in the shape of a cylinder.

said cushion being made at least in part of a soft resilient material,

said cushion including first and second ends,

said cushion including a hollow cavity extending from said first end to said second end so that certain infant related items may be readily placed in said hollow cavity comprising the steps of:

placing the cushion on a substantially flat surface,

placing the front mid-section of the infant on said curved outer surface of said cushion,

permitting the infant's hands to contact the flat surface, and

permitting the infant to roll the cushion thereby exercising his upper torso.

28. (New) A method for exercising the upper torso of an infant utilizing a cushion which includes a supportive core element, a soft resilient material surrounding a substantial portion of said core element, said soft resilient material forming a curved outer surface for the cushion comprising the steps of:

placing the cushion on a substantially flat surface,

placing the front mid-section of the infant on said curved outer surface of said cushion,

permitting the infant's hands to contact the flat surface, and

permitting the infant to roll the cushion thereby exercising his upper torso.